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Applicant(s)

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METHOD FOR DIFFERENTIATING IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME FROM INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE (IBD) AND FOR MONITORING P; ERSONS WITH IBD USING

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Dear Sir:

The above-identified application was filed in the Office on November 14, 2001. It is respectfully requested that the undersigned be advised when an action may be expected.

This inquiry is being submitted in triplicate and it is asked that the Office respond on an enclosed copy and return same to the undersigned.

> Respectfully submitted, an M Dickno

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